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Sri B. BHIMA RAO :—" Would it not be practicable, Sir, if the Government issued instructions that these audit defects sheet should be roneoed and issued to such members on payment of actual cost which would be negligible?"

The Hon. Sri K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" Citing one or two instances or complaints, it is not always possible to change the rules."

Sri B. BHIMA RAO :—" Is not the Hon. Minister aware that in almost every co-operative institution they want the audit defect sheet to be supplied to them and will it not be extremely costly if they are typed and given? "

The Hon. Sri K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" That is not my point, Sir. If there are general complaints everywhere then the question of altering the rules can be taken up. So long as there is only one or two, by some individual members, it cannot be altered so easily."

Sri B. BHIMA RAO :—" Is it not a fact, Sir, that action was taken and money recovered from the salesman six or nine months after the complaint was lodged? "

The Hon. Sri K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" No, Sir. Long before the complaint was lodged by the gentleman, action was taken."

Sri N. VENKATACHALAMAJI :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government consider the amount recovered as very low even if they were old gunnies? "

The Hon. Sri K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" I do not understand what the hon. Member means, whether low or high "

Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether the general body has a right to ask the audit notes to be read? "

The Hon. Sri K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" It will be read in the general body meeting."

Sri B. BHIMA RAO :—" Instead of wasting time in the meeting would it not be more expedient for sheets being sent to the members one week before the holding of the general meeting? "

The Hon. Sri K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" I think it is much better for the members present there to hear all these things instead of sending them in advance to members."

Removal of a structure erected by the Co-operative Stores, Karaikudi.

* 26 Q.—Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that sometime ago the Co-operative Stores, Karaikudi, erected a structure in front of the stores without obtaining the permission of the competent authority;

(b) whether the executive authority of the Karaikudi Municipality issued a notice for the removal of the structure;

(c) whether the stores failed to comply with the notice and the municipality was forced to demolish the structure;

(d) whether it is a fact that the officers of the stores not only obstructed the municipal servants entrusted with the demolition but also used abusive language and force;

(e) whether the municipal servants preferred a complaint to the police;

(f) whether a charge-sheet was laid against the secretary of the co-operative stores before the Taluk Magistrate, Tiruppattur,

(g) whether it is a fact that, when the trial was over, charges were framed and orders were about to be pronounced, the Government called for the papers;

(h) whether it is a fact that the Government have passed orders withdrawing the case;

(i) whether the Government will place on the table of the House a copy of their order; and

(j) whether it is a fact that the municipal supervisor, one of the municipal servants involved, has been transferred from Karaikudi as a punishment for preferring the complaint?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" (a) A structure was erected in front of the Co-operative Stores, Karaikudi, without obtaining permission of the competent authority; but it was erected by the owner of the building, and not by the co-operative stores as suggested in the question.

" (b) Yes.

" (c) The answer to both parts is in the affirmative.

" (d) There was an allegation to this effect.

" (e) Yes.

" (f) Yes.

" (g) The Government called for the papers when the trial was in progress.

" (h) Yes. They directed the withdrawal of the prosecution with the consent of the court.

" (i) The Government do not consider that any useful purpose will be served by placing a copy of the order on the table of the House.

" (j) No."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether the permission of the Government has to be obtained before a charge sheet is placed before the magistrate in respect of such cases? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" The magistrate is quite competent to receive such petitions as he thinks fit from the parties concerned."

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SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Do the Government think it was right to withdraw the case when the court was seized of the matter and when the court had already framed charges. By the withdrawal of the case, have not the ends of justice been sacrificed? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" No, Sir. The court agreed for the thing to be withdrawn and it was withdrawn."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Is it not a formal matter that when the prosecution wants to withdraw the case generally the court gives permission? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" May be so, in which case the responsibility will be with the court."

Proposal to cement or tar the Northern Grand Trunk Road from Nellore to Ongole.

* 27 *Q*.—SRI L. SUBBARAMA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is a proposal to cement or tar the Northern Grand Trunk Road from Nellore to Ongole; and

(*b*) if so, when the work is likely to be taken on hand?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) As soon as funds are provided by the Government of India for the purpose."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" In some cases cement concrete roads are laid in trunk roads and in some cases only tarred roads are laid. Why is this distinction made? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The distinction is based on the intensity of the traffic as assessed, Sir."

[*Note*.—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ANNOUNCEMENTS BY DEPUTY CHAIRMAN.

(*a*) ELECTION OF SIX MEMBERS TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN :—" I have to inform the House that the following candidates were nominated for election to the House Committee :—

(1) Sri H. M. Jagannatham.
(2) Dr. Syed Tajuddin.
(3) Sri A. Govindacharyulu.
(4) ,, P. Veerabhadraswami.
(5) ,, S. A. S. Rm. Ramanathan Chettiar.
(6) ,, S. K. Sadagopa Mudaliar.
(7) Janab K. T. M. Ahamed Ibrahim.

" Janab K. T. M. Ahamed Ibrahim has since withdrawn his candidature.

" As the number of candidates remaining is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, viz., six, I hereby declare them to have been duly elected to the House Committee.